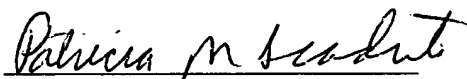


### REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this case. Claims 4 and 6-8 were amended to conform to U.S. practice. Claims 11-14 are new but based on the previous claims. You are authorized to charge deposit account 04-1520 for any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application. You are authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to deposit account 04-1520.

Respectfully Submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia M. Scaduto", written over a horizontal line.

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